



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 22.

GENERAL MAHONEY is trying to obtain such an immense colored vote that it will more than offset the vast white majority against him. For that purpose every colored male in the State who looks to be any where near the voting age will cast one of the General's ballots. The object of the anti-Mahoneites should be to prevent him from casting more than one. It is the prevailing impression that many of them have been registered either under the same or different names at more than one place, with the intention of "repeating." Comparison of copies of the registration books and careful watching will lesson this danger, which, otherwise, will be great. As the General, for his own selfish purposes, is to pit the black against the white people of the State, the latter, irrespective of previous political affiliation, should make it their chief business to see that he shall not succeed.

SENATOR RIDDLEBERGER says "buy a negro preacher and you buy his whole congregation." It would seem that the Senator, in this respect at least, knows what he is talking about, and that General Mahone possesses the same knowledge, and is acting upon it, and has resorted to the same means of maintaining a solid negro vote next month that he has found so successful in the past, for one of the preachers referred to has published a card, in which he says:

"Solidly we stand for the republican standard-bearer, Wise, for Governor; Blair and the whole ticket as it is. I am a pastor and have the largest membership in this city, and the ticket put forth by the republican party will be sustained without doubt. I KNOW. Rev. WILLIAM TAYLOR, Pastor Second Baptist Church (col.), Richmond. Now let the white people see that no one of their race shall fail to do his duty next Tuesday week."

THE VERMONT republicans are trying to defeat the re-election of Senator Edmunds. As they could not elect a more vindictive South-hater, it is hoped they may succeed. Mr. Edmunds is the man who wants the war statutes to remain so as to "show which side was right." He is also the same man who prostituted the once proud position of president of the Senate to partisan purposes, and to insult the State of Virginia by contemptuously ignoring and refusing to present to the Senate a respectful communication, addressed to that body through him by the Virginia Legislature, requesting the resignation of General Mahone. By all means let Vermont send somebody else to the Senate in place of Mr. Edmunds, who has ceased to be a hope and is only an unpleasant memory.

WHEN NORTHERN democratic papers publish such false statements as that the N. Y. World did the other day, to the effect that the State democratic committee of Virginia at their last meeting considered the question of withdrawing Mr. Ayers, the democratic candidate for Attorney-General, it is not at all wonderful that the republican newspapers of the same section should mislead their readers about the condition of affairs in Virginia. Secretary Lamar, when Senator, said the Southern people had long since abandoned all hope of ever being correctly represented in the North, and he only said what was true.

THE LONDON grand jury has returned a true bill against the editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette* for his vile effort to substantiate the indecent and grossly exaggerated account he published of the immorality of London. Something should be done with the editors in this country who republished the obscene stuff.

AS MRS. BELT has not only obtained a divorce, but forty thousand dollars besides, from her husband, the probability is that the habit of fast women in Washington to take late suppers and wine at Welker's with strange men will increase rather than diminish.

REV. MR. DOWNES, of Boston, the cause of the famous Taber divorce case in that city, was a loud mouthed supporter of the Edmunds anti-Mormon bill. There are more divorces in Boston in a day, and more cause for them, than in Salt Lake in a year.

GENERAL MAHONEY's jackmen have obtained copies of the registration books of every precinct in the State, with the object of having a voter for every name thereon on election day. Have the democrats been as provident?

The City of London is the most wonderful place in the whole world, and its frequenters the most wonderful people. It is the smallest of cities, but the most valuable. It has an area of one square mile, but that one square mile produces a rental of £4,000,000 per annum, and its inhabitants pay one-seventh of the general rates of the whole metropolis, which has an area of 120 square miles. Land is sometimes now sold in the country at about £10 per acre, which is equal to one half penny per square yard. It has been sold in the city at £240 per square yard, which is equal to over £2,000,000 per acre.

A Hebrew-Christian church was dedicated with appropriate services in the presence of a large number of people, at No. 17 St. Mark's place, New York, on Sunday. It is said to be the first church of the kind in America. The church occupies the entire first floor of the building, and includes a vestry and meeting room and the church proper.

THE CANVASS. ROOMS STATE DEM. EX. COMMITTEE, Alexandria, Va., Oct. 22, '85. Judge W. R. Staples will speak at Bedford Court Oct. 26th. Hon. S. S. Turner will speak at Middletown, Frederick, Oct. 23d, at night; at Lebanon, Shenandoah, Oct. 24th, at night; at Page, specials, Oct. 26th and 27th; at Rockingham, specials, Oct. 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, and at Front Royal Nov. 2d, at night. JNO. S. BARBOUR, Chairman. W. W. SCOTT, Secretary.

FROM WASHINGTON. (Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22, 1885.

Messrs. Graham and Barnes, old and well posted democrats from Fairfax county, Virginia, here to-day, say that the indications now are that all the negroes in that county will vote the Mahone ticket, but that the democrats will carry the county for the reason that the white people know that the whole fight is for Mahone's re-election to the United States Senate, to which nearly all of them are opposed. They also say that the Mahone candidate for the Legislature is soliciting votes upon a grand scale, that he wants to be re-elected judge of the county, the position he now holds, and that, though the Constitution of his State expressly prohibits the election of members of the Legislature to judgeships. Many of the republican federal officeholders who live in the county, they also say, will either not vote at all or will vote the democratic ticket, and that none of them will be active republican workers, as they have been heretofore. They also say that many of the men who left the democratic party there on the debt question have now returned to it.

A private letter received here this morning from Col. Daniels, a well known Northern republican, whose home is in Fairfax county, Virginia, editor of the late *State Journal*, of Richmond, the leading republican organ in Virginia, and now editor of *Our Country*, of New York, says he hopes Mahone may be defeated, and that he is doing all he can to effect that object.

The old rumor is revived that Mr. Rounds, the republican public printer, is retained in his position through the influence of Senator Gorman, of Maryland, and that the Senator is rendering considerable assistance thereby from the large number of Maryland employees in Mr. Rounds' office.

A gentleman from Roanoke county, Va., now in the city, says that as Mr. McCaul seems to be one of General Mahone's most active speakers, it would be well if some democratic adversary were to ask him to explain how it was that the registration book at Gish's Mill, Roanoke county, where the democrats have a large majority, suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from the office of the registrar just previous to the election two years ago, after he, McCaul, had been seen coming out of that room?

Mr. Nicol, ex-member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Prince William county, in that State, here to-day, says there is no opposition to the democratic legislative ticket in his county, yet while, as it would be useless, but that he would not be surprised if the Mahoneites put a candidate in the field on the eve of the election in order to bring out their full vote. He says most of the republicans around Manassas will, he thinks, vote the Mahone ticket, but that he understands most of those in and around Occoquan will either not vote at all or vote against that ticket.

A well-known Southern republican now here says the recent Wise affair in Alexandria was so intentionally twisted by the accounts of it sent to Ohio that no one who witnessed it would have recognized it, but that the twisted account made many republican votes in Ohio. He also says the New York *Tribune* said that faction of his party evidently want and are doing all they can to provoke violence in Virginia and the death of some negroes for political effect and to strengthen their faction and sustain their bloody-shirt policy.

The cock-and-bull story just started by Mr. Depew and Col. Fred. Grant concerning an attempt of President Johnson to secure the South to full representation in Congress immediately after the war and put the democrats in possession of that body in consideration of his social recognition by the Southern leaders, is ridiculed here by every body who knows any thing about Mr. Johnson.

Intelligence from Ohio to-day is to the effect that the democrats have carried Hamilton county, the county that contains Cincinnati; that the State Senate will have a democratic majority; that the Senate will hinder or prevent joint meetings to elect a Senator; and that out of the trouble some means will arise by which Mr. Sherman will not be sent back to the Senate.

Senator Voorhees having been urged to speak in New York, and thinking the democrats of that State are more in need of help than those of Virginia, has agreed to go there, and consequently will be unable to fill his appointment at Warrenton.

General Pierce Young, of Georgia, recently appointed consul general to Russia, is just here from home on his way to his post of duty. His salary is about five thousand dollars a year. He was at the State Department this morning, and will leave for St. Petersburg next week.

A personal and political friend of Senator Sherman says that that Senator has made arrangements to make at least two speeches in Virginia, one at Norfolk and one at Petersburg, and that the manner in which those speeches are received will determine whether or not he will make any more. Some democratic canvassers should post himself concerning the Senator's vulnerable public record, and make him sick at his first appearance.

The rice growers are in convention here to-day to devise means, if possible, by which the payment of the full rate of duty on imported rice now avoided by the importers can be enforced.

The weather to-day is delightful, and a large crowd is in attendance upon the races now in progress.

George W. Savage was to-day appointed Collector of Customs for the District of Cherrystone, Virginia.

The impression is strengthening that General Farnsworth, of New York, the Adjutant General of the State and a close personal friend of the President, will be appointed Marshal of the District of Columbia, and that the appointment will be made at an early date.

Credit to Whom Credit is Due. MANASSAS, Oct. 22, 1885.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

In the account of the railroad accident near Clifton in your issue of the 19th inst., the following appears: "Mrs. Powell and O'Brien left here [Alexandria] upon the receipt of the news of the accident, and rendered the necessary surgical assistance to the injured persons." The above does great injustice to Dr. R. J. Simpson, who was near the spot at the time the accident occurred and who had dressed the wounds of all the injured persons except Nelson before either Dr. Powell and O'Brien, from Alexandria, or Dr. Barbour, from Manassas, had arrived. Of course I know this omission was not intentional, and that you would cheerfully give Dr. Simpson full credit for the prompt assistance and surgical skill rendered by him on the above named occasion.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Judge Foraker, of Ohio, is advertised to speak at Harrisonburg on October 27th. The democrats of Rockingham, however, are not frightened.

The Farmers' Assembly in Richmond last night appointed a committee to memorialize Congress to direct the Bureau of Agriculture to consider the subject of grafting fruit trees. The association adjourned to meet in August next.

Senator John Callahan, the straight-out republican candidate for the State Senate from the Norfolk district, published his withdrawal card yesterday afternoon, stating that circumstances are of such a nature that he cannot, with honor to himself and justice to his friends, remain any longer in the field as a candidate for the Senate.

Messrs. B. H. Nash and B. A. Hancock, two members of the democratic State central committee, published a card denying the truth of the report, telegraphed to New York, that during the recent session of the committee the question of withdrawing Mr. R. A. Ayers, the nominee for Attorney General was discussed. These gentlemen say that no such proposition was even suggested or referred to.

The first day's attendance at the State fair at Richmond was small. The cattle show is very fine, some of the herds being the best that have been seen for years, but in the main the fair is the same as seen there twenty-five years ago, with many of the attractive features of the old time trimmed out. The correspondent of the *Petersburg Index-Appel* says: "This is a fast age and a progressive one, and Colonel Beverley, president of the Virginia Agricultural Society, cannot roll back the wheels of time and make people live in the past."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The authorities of Woolwich arsenal have been ordered to supply 10,000 rounds of cartridges and 10,000 rifles for the expedition to be sent against King Thebaw of Burma.

The assassination of Premier Estrup, of the Denmark Cabinet, was attempted yesterday by a youth named Rasmussen. He fired two shots and failed. One of the shots struck a button and glanced off.

England has decided to side with Turkey in the Roumelian trouble. This important turn in the affairs was decided upon at a meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday, and is regarded as the result of a compact which Turkey was to accede to England's wishes in Egypt in return for her support in the present trouble of the Porte.

MINISTER CURRY.

Rev. Dr. Curry, the newly-appointed minister to Spain, spent yesterday at the State Department, in Washington, where he had a consultation with the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries of State, with his predecessor, Gen. Foster, and with Mr. Williams, United States consul-general to Cuba.

To a reporter of the Associated Press Dr. Curry said he expected to leave for his post on the fifth of November.

"It is said, sir," remarked the reporter, "that you were once in command at Andersonville, and were in part responsible for the cruelties practiced toward federal prisoners."

"I never was in Andersonville in my life," replied Dr. Curry, "and I never had command of federal prisoners in my life, except such as I captured myself, and those I turned over at once. I cannot imagine how such a story got its start. I shall be glad if you will make my denial broad and complete."

"The critics of your appointment," continued the reporter, "question the propriety of sending a Baptist clergyman as the national representative near a court as strongly Catholic as that of Spain."

"The criticism is unjust," was the reply. "It would be a strange thing if the strongest denomination in the country—you know we are the strongest—were to be disqualified for diplomatic offices on religious grounds. A man's religion, I hold, is a thing between his God and himself, and one with which the government has nothing to do. I am a little surprised at the criticism, too. The hardest struggle I ever had when I was in political life was a candidate for the Legislature in Alabama during the 'know-nothing' excitement. The issues, you remember, were two—one a proposition to deny foreigners the privilege of naturalization until after six years of residence, and the other a proposition to disqualify Romanists from holding office. My county was a pivotal one, and my competitor was the ablest man on that side in the State. My success was very gratifying."

"Were you an anti-knew-nothing?" "Yes, I was the champion—I cannot say of the Catholics—but of that principle of Americanism which is embodied in the constitution—of equal rights and privileges for all."

"Of course you anticipate no objections from the Spaniards to your reception?" "Certainly not. The Spanish government knows my mission has nothing to do with religion."

"I am very much gratified by two, I may say three, things," continued Dr. Curry. "When I was objected to on the ground of being unknown, so strong a republican paper as the *Providence Journal* vouched for me and said I was all right. Again Mr. Washburn's card was exceedingly gratifying, coming from a republican leader, himself having been eight years foreign minister. But the expressions of approval from the colored people of the South have been exceedingly hearty and pleasing. My long connection with the Peabody fund has made me widely known among them, and they have taken pains to express their approval of my appointment."

"Shall you renew the negotiations for a treaty with Spain?"

"I can say nothing upon that matter."

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A STREET CAR.

A startling development in the street car strike in St. Louis yesterday was the discovery by the police of an infernal machine on the Washington avenue car tracks. The machine was a piece of two inch gas pipe two feet long and filled with gunpowder. At either end was affixed a gun cap, so arranged as to communicate with the powder within, and in the centre of the pipe a rod was inserted, which also communicated with the powder. The machine was laid along the groove in the track and so arranged that the wheel of the car would discharge the cap as soon as it was touched. The gas-pipe is now at the police headquarters. There were no other developments in the strike yesterday. All the lines are running. The strikers and Knights of Labor stated they would put on lines of heretics and omnibuses yesterday morning, one to follow each other, but they have not done so yet.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.—A correspondent of the *Richmond Whig*, from Blacksburg, says: A terrible accident occurred here last Thursday morning. President T. W. Conrad's second son, Heath, aged 15, was accidentally shot by Henry Rick, a young comrade from Richmond, son of A. Rick. They had gone into a field near home to shoot some birds. They had flushed a covey of partridges, and as they advanced to get a shot Rick's gun struck a small bush that threw the muzzle toward Conrad's head and was discharged, the whole load striking him just above the ear, fracturing the skull, and making a terrible wound. He is totally unconscious and cannot live save by a miracle. President Conrad was on his way to the fair, but returned.

FAIRFAX COUNTY.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) FAIRFAX C. H., Va., Oct. 20.—Democrats

from every district in this county met here yesterday to greet the personally popular and elegant speaker, General Eppa Hunton, whom they know and love to honor as the true, tried and faithful representative of the old Eighth district, and whose voice, now as well as then, utters no uncertain sound, but rings out in clarion tones his democratic principles, and eloquent vindication of Virginia's honor and good name.

Ex-Collector Craig and Judge James Sangster were also here—both the faithful allies of Mahone—with a motley following, small as to numbers, and smaller as to character. The first is an outspoken, faithful friend of his master, and by this time knows his speech very well. The latter, equally as faithful, but not so outspoken, is more appropriately termed "nondescript"; better known as the "independent candidate for the Legislature"—a nom de plume to catch the weak-kneed and "weak-minded of all parties."

A proposition was made by the democratic chairman for a joint discussion, but was refused by the republican chairman. The terms were that our candidate and Judge Sangster (said independent), should open the discussion. But the Judge's opposition to making publicly known his principles prompted the chairman to reject the proposition.

Leaving Craig, Sangster and company in possession of the Court House, the democrats repaired to the new town hall, which was well filled with the sterling democracy of Fairfax, and the animating presence of the ladies, doubly assuring us that we are aided in this contest by the prayers of all true women and the hearts of all brave men.

Prior to the introduction of Gen. Hunton we were entertained by that rising young Alexandrian, Mr. S. G. Brent, in an eloquent speech of twenty minutes, in which he unsparingly criticised the said independent Legislative candidate for refusing to come out bravely before the public and announce his principles.

General Hunton opened his speech with a beautiful and appropriate tribute to old Fairfax, whose people were ever his faithful constituents, and to whom he was proud to say he had retained the banner passed on to him by his uncles in honor.

He urged in eloquent tones the importance of their being as faithful and active in behalf of their present candidate for the Legislature. A man, in all respects, most worthy to bear their standard to victory.

His speech throughout was sincere, argumentative and convincing, and will prove good seed sown in good ground. The executive committee could not have sent us a better man. I am happy to assure you the democratic side seems bright and brightening in old Fairfax, as well as over the rest of the State.

But in the language of John S. Barbour, "it is unwise to underestimate the numbers and strength of our foe." Supplied as he is with all the sinews of modern warfare it will require both wisdom and labor to defeat him. However, Judge Sangster labors under the great disadvantage of having neither the moral nor political support of the best element of the population. It is true we have some laggards and sore-heads, who seem to forget that as honest democrats they should have a grander and higher object than to obtain office for themselves and friends.

The spoils system is the petted child of radicalism, and the price of Mahoneism. What all true Virginians most desire, is the power to forever retire to private life Mahone and his apostles of hate and sectional strife. We want no more oath bound legislators; no more bosses to dictate legislation; no more corrupt judges to disgrace the temple of justice. I think I am safe in predicting that Fairfax will be high up in the rank of those counties that will align themselves against this party of hate and strife between the races, and bitterness between the two sections of the country, North and South.

MARRIED BY HIMSELF.

Within the last three years a curious romance has been unfolding itself in a corner of the little village of Tarrytown. In one of its aspects it has given rise to legal questions which the heroine is now most desirous of having settled. The said heroine was born to humble station, but was fond of reading. By the time she was eighteen years of age she had read much. She was tall and slender, and attractive by reason of her intelligence. Withal, she was ignorant of society and its ways, except as the latter purported to be taught in the light literature of which she had imbibed deeply. Of the realities of life she knew little. Let Tarrytown come a dashing young clergyman of a peculiar type who carried firearms and had shot at a fellow-student while at college in Virginia. He became interested in the girl, whom he flattered by his visits and attentions, and to whom he read his sermons for criticism and the poems of their choice for mutual delectation. His visits grew more and more frequent. One evening he asked her to marry him. Regarding this as a joke, the girl said yes. Afterward he referred to this as a binding promise. His next step was to repeat to her a portion of the marriage service of the Episcopal Church, getting her to make the responses, telling her that it was merely a form of engagement. Then he told her that they were married and fast.

All this time the clergyman had been trying to get the girl to go to picnics and places of amusement with him, but in vain. She had never met him except in her father's house. Now he told her that they were married, but as his church did not wish a married pastor, they must keep it secret until he was in a position to acknowledge her. They could, however, spend their vacation together. The girl steadily refused to believe in the legality of the marriage. Then the clergyman filled out one of his marriage certificate blanks, signed it himself and got a firm of New York lawyers to certify to the correctness of the document and the legality of the marriage. By alternately threatening to kill himself and her, he tried to make the girl sign it also. She would not, however. One day in a fit of anger he destroyed it before her eyes. Then he filled out another and got a brother clergyman to sign it, or else forged the name, and had still another law firm put the imprint of their approval upon its legality. He was again unsuccessful in making her sign this one, and it, too, was finally destroyed. After failing in these repeated attempts to make the girl acknowledge the marriage, the clergyman gave up the contest and left the town. During the two years which have passed since, the girl has pondered the question, "Married or single?" until she is well nigh distracted. Legal experts consulted by her flatly contradict one another as to the law bearing on the point, and she hesitates to appeal to the courts as she shrinks from publicity.—N. Y. Tribune.

An errand boy in a Philadelphia fancy store has just been left \$500,000, but it is thought he will die early of consumption. There is nothing better for young children than are daily exposed than a spoonful or two of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

The Ohio Election. CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 22.—The canvass of the vote of Hamilton county was completed this morning, and the total footings (unofficial) excluding precinct E, of the 18th ward, show that Hoadly received 34,527 votes, and Foraker 33,928, a majority of 599 for Hoadly. The highest vote received by a republican senator was 99 less than the lowest on the democratic list, and 270 less than the highest.

The vote for representatives is still closer, but the footings have not been completed. The democratic county officers are elected with the exception of Kuhl for commissioner. If the missing precinct is counted it will increase the democratic majority about 100. An exciting legal fight is now in progress.

Republican attorneys this morning filed a petition in the Circuit Court asking for a mandamus directing its officer, the clerk, how to proceed with the count, by instructing him what are and what are not legal returns. A hearing on this petition was fixed for two o'clock. In the meantime, if the restraining order issued last night should be dissolved, the clerk might complete his work before 2 o'clock and the jurisdiction of the court would be gone. After considerable talk the argument before Judge Buchwalter upon the motion to dissolve the restraining order and also upon the demurrer to the petition was proceeded with. It is expected that the argument will occupy the time until 2 o'clock, when the mandamus proceeding will operate to hold the clerk until the matter can be determined.

The Proposed British Conquest of Burma.

CALCUTTA, Oct. 22.—The contingents of the Indian army from Madras and this city are being rapidly transported to Rangoon, where the expeditionary force is being assembled for the invasion of Burma. The Burmese government is actively preparing to resist the advance of the British troops. Engineers are busily engaged in erecting earthworks, planting torpedoes, building fire rafts and loading hulks with stones and sinking them at convenient points in the Irrawaddy river and placing chains across the river to obstruct navigation. Kyuyung Atwin Woon has been appointed to the command of the forces on the frontier, and he has been ordered to prevent the passage of the British at all cost. King Theebaw is disappointed because a majority of the council held to consider the situation favored a peace policy. After the council the principal peace advocate, Kenwood, telegraphed the Burmese delegate at Paris the details of the discussion of the council. Notwithstanding the active preparations of the Burmese forces, British officers expect that the campaign in Burma will be a short one.

Cold Blooded Murder.

MARION, Ala., Oct. 22.—The town is excited over a cold-blooded murder committed by a 14 year old negro boy yesterday. Henry Huntly is the boy's name, and his sister, aged 20, is his victim. A few days ago she chastised him for some misconduct, and he vowed he would kill her. Yesterday he got a shot gun and took a stand where she would have to pass, and when she came in sight he shot her in the abdomen, killing her almost instantly. He then put the gun down, stepped up, looked at her, and finding her dead walked leisurely away. There were several witnesses, but they were so stunned by the sight that they did not offer to detain him. He was pursued later, however, caught, brought back, and placed in jail.

Case Concluded.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The hearing of the case of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society against William J. Davis, on trial before Judge Gresham, was concluded yesterday. The suit was for breach of duty as agent of the corporation. Davis is a real estate agent, and was under contract to invest money for the society in 1873. He loaned altogether about \$35,000. He lost \$19,395 in worthless securities, and the society claimed he had an interest and should share the loss. The court decided that Davis was responsible for the sum lost, with interest, and entered judgment against him for \$200,000.

John Russell Young.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22.—The story that John Russell Young is lying at the point of death in this city is denied by his friends. Mr. Young has been suffering for some time past from malaria, but is now convalescing, and his physicians say he will surely recover. He is able to be out of bed and walks about the house.

Explosion.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 22.—An explosion occurred this morning at Raccoon Pitts, in Chesterfield county, twenty-five miles from this city. One hundred men were in the mine at the time, but only one was killed and three wounded. The mine was an inclined shaft and was badly injured.

Railroad War.

CHATTANOOGA, Oct. 22.—The rate war between the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia and the Western and Atlantic roads is more bitter to-day than ever. Tickets to Atlanta are being sold at one dollar and less by both lines.

Appeal Dismissed.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Privy Council has dismissed the appeal of Louis Riel, the leader of the half-breed insurrection in Canada, against the sentence of death passed upon him by the Canadian courts.

The Roumelian Difficulty.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 22.—The Porte has issued a circular inviting the powers to a conference at Constantinople, to be held for the exclusive object of settling the Roumelian difficulty.

Denial.

BUFFALO, N. Y., October 22.—Wilson S.

Bissel, President Cleveland's former law partner, denies the rumor that he is to be appointed Governor of Dakota.

Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The President today appointed Wm. Hall, of Illinois, to be Consul General of the United States at Port Sarnia.

Death of the Bishop of Manchester.

MANCHESTER, Oct. 22.—The Right Rev. James Fraser, D. D., Bishop of Manchester, died suddenly to-day.

The Presbyterian Synod of Virginia.

The Synod of Virginia convened in the Second Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, in its 95th annual session Tuesday. Rev. Dr. W. U. Munkland, of Baltimore, who was Moderator of the last Synod, preached the introductory sermon. Rev. James P. Smith, of Fredericksburg, was elected Moderator, and Major W. J. Dance and Rev. E. B. Washburn chosen secretaries.

Upon the Synod being called to order yesterday morning the calling of the roll was proceeded with, after which several committees made reports and the narratives of the different churches were read, all of which were appropriately disposed of.

The Committee on Evangelical Work in their report state the number of communicants to be 26,505, and the number of ministers, 212. It shows a healthy condition of the church throughout the bounds of the Synod.

The report of the Treasurer was also read, showing a balance in the treasury of \$245.32, with no outstanding obligations.

The report of the Union Theological Seminary shows the number of students to be forty eight, representing ten different States. Eight of these had retired with diplomas.

The usual committees were announced. Rev. Wm. Dinwiddie, of the Second Church, Alexandria, is a member of the committee on church narratives.

Some routine business was transacted, after which the Synod adjourned until night with the understanding that the meetings would be held from 9:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., and that religious services would be conducted at 8 p. m.

Awful Scenes in the Siberian Mines.

The exiles who live in the mines of Siberia are exiles of the worst type and political offenders of the best. The murderer for his villainy, the intelligent and honest Polish rebel for his patriotism, are deemed equally worthy of the punishment of slow death. They never see the light of day, but work and sleep all the year round in the depth of the earth, extracting silver or quicksilver, under the eyes of taskmasters who have orders not to spare them.

Iron gates, guarded by sentries, close the lanes, or streets, at the bottom of the shafts, and the miners are called off from one another in gangs of twenty. They sleep within rock-hewn recesses—very kennels—into which they must creep on all fours. Prince Lomouinski, who was authorized to visit and to lecture to the exiles, at a time when it was not suspected that he would publish an account of his exploration in French, has given an appalling account of what he saw.

Criminals racked with the joint pains which quicksilver produces; men whose hair and eyebrows had dropped off, and who were gaunt as skeletons, were kept to hard labor under the lash. They have only two holidays a year—Christmas and Easter—and all other days, Sunday included, they must toil until exhausted nature robs them of their strength, when they are hauled up to die in the infirmary.

Five years in the quicksilver pits are enough to turn a man of thirty into an apparition of a skeleton, but some have been known to struggle on for ten years. No man who has seen the mines is ever allowed to return home. The exiles can obtain in the way of grace is left to come up and work in the roadways, and it is the promise of this favor as a reward for industry which operates even more than the lash to maintain discipline. Women are employed in the mines as sifters, and are not allowed to return home. The Polish ladies by the dozen have been sent down to rot and die, while the St. Petersburg journals were declaring that they were living as free colonists; and more recently ladies connected with nihilist conspiracies have been consigned to the mines in pursuance of a sentence of hard labor. It must be remembered that a sentence of Siberian hard labor means death.—Boston Herald.

THERE'S a very clever story going the rounds in London now involving a romance of the turf and of the highest aristocracy. It seems a certain well-known duchess had become infatuated with the most successful jockey in the world and proposed to marry him. He was a widower and she had long been a widow. She was smitten with love for the swarthy jockey and many legends and romances had been made. Her preference was never emphasized until the last race meeting at Newmarket. Fred. Archer rode Gray Hermit and ran a dead heat with Modena. When he had failed to win, Archer found that his fee was £500 instead of the customary £300. Just after this her husband produced a most interesting question of a matrimonial partnership. Then Archer reflected. Her ladyship is over 60 years old and Archer is only 30. He wrote a respectful answer to her ladyship's offer of an alliance, but the letter was characteristically horsey. He said that he was overjoyed by the intended honor, but he couldn't ride the weight.

A CAUD.

Please allow me space in your columns to answer some anonymous remarks by one of Mahone's speakers, a Mr. Miller, who has called himself an anti-Mahone ratification meeting on Monday night last.

I am told that this gentleman said that I offered him two dollars and a half for men to vote for General Lee in this election. I was told